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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed patent documents are also enclosed.

FEE/STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 7-168430 is discussed at least at page 3, line 26 through page 4, line 20 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document No. 9-120205 is discussed at least at page 2, line 24 through page 3, line 25 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,974,286 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document No. 9-120205.

Japanese Patent Document No. 7-44000 is discussed at least at page 2, lines 8 through 23 of the specification.

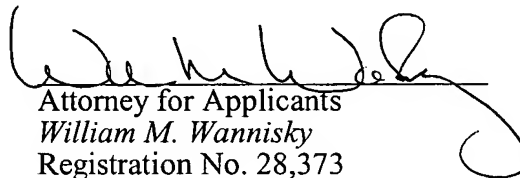
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

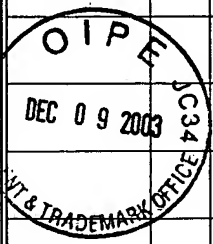
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	7-44000	02/14/95	Japan			Abstract	
	7-168430	07/04/95	Japan			Abstract	
	9-120205	05/06/97	Japan			Abstract	
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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